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Old El Dorado County Lode Mine Reopens

Work is being commenced on the old Caledonia mine property, 2 miles west of Kelsey in El Dorado County, to develop an auriferous pyrite ore body about five feet wide. Work has not been attempted there for nearly 50 years. Wayne Huckaby and sons have installed a 350-foot compressor and are in process of sinking a shaft.

Placer County Drift Mine Reopens

Work has recently been started at the Lee gravel mine located three miles east of Rocklin in Placer County. This old drift mine, on the Tertiary American River, was worked a generation ago through a vertical shaft over 100 feet deep. It contains two horizontal gravel horizons about 50 feet apart. The present operator, H. E. Martin of Sacramento, is in process of running an adit for a new entrance-way. Mr. Martin is working under lease from W. F. Murdock.

Gold Dredge in Trinity County

The bucket line dredge which formerly operated on the Trinity River near Junction City is being dismantled and moved to the Minersville district. The dredge has seventy-two 9½ cu. ft. capacity buckets and can dig to 35 feet below the water line. The dredge will be operated by the Idaho-Canadian Dredging Company, H. B. Murphy, president, which also operates a dredge on the Klamath River near Happy Camp.

NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTER FOR DIVISION OF MINES PUBLICATIONS

The Redding office of the State Division of Mines located at 1739 Yuba Street, is now a distribution point for current and recent publications of the State Division of Mines. This will eliminate the necessity for residents of northern California and particularly the Redding field district to send to the San Francisco office for publications.

THE MOTHER LODE COUNTRY - GEOLOGIC GUIDEBOOK ALONG HIGHWAY 49

Bulletin 141, Geologic Guidebook Along Highway 49, is now being distributed. This is the first of a series of guidebooks to be issued by the State Division of Mines for routes of particular geological, scenic, and historical interest. The Highway 49 guidebook is a semi-technical, semi-popular guide to travelers desirous of information concerning the mines, minerals, rocks, and mining history of the region. It also covers the fine old structures erected during the gold rush period. Ten different authors have contributed to the text and a great deal of original material has been obtained from numerous eminent mining engineers, geologists, anthropologists and historians.

Sierran Roads of Today and Yesterday, by Dorothy G. Jenkins, is a descriptive sketch about the roads traversing the gold country, giving their historical and scenic aspects and summarizing the areas covered by each. The Discovery of Gold in California, by Donald C. Cutter, has to do with the history, life, and romance of the gold rush period and is especially applicable during the current Centennial celebrations. The place of placer gold-mining is well presented in Charles V. Averill's story of the History of Placer Mining for Gold in California. The reader